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 Serial or Patent No. 08/809,340  
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 For: "THERMOFORMING APPARATUS FOR THERMOFORMABLE MATERIALS IN RIBBON OR SHEET-FORM"  
 International Appln. No. PCT/EP95/03451 - International Filing date: September 1, 1995  
**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY**  
**STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR(S)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled "THERMOFORMING APPARATUS FOR THERMOFORMABLE MATERIALS IN RIBBON OR SHEET-FORM"

described in

- ☐ the specification filed herewith.  
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Pietro Padovani  
 Name of First Inventor

*Pietro Padovani*  
 Signature of First Inventor

18TH APRIL, 1997  
 Date

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**37 CFR 1.9(F) AND 1.27(C) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am:

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:

☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Name of Concern: ISAP OMV GROUP SPA

Address of Concern: Via Lungadige Attiraglio, 67, 1-37025 Parona, Italy

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled: "THERMOFORMING APPARATUS FOR THERMOFORMABLE MATERIALS IN RIBBON OR SHEET-FORM"

by inventor(s): Pietro Padovani

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If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\*, and no rights to the invention are held by any person; other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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